

CASE: 1254

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

25 August 1992

ON 21 AND 22 JUNE 1992, A JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1254. NONE OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THESE WITNESSES COULD BE CORRELATED TO CASE 1254. ON 22 JUNE, THE INVESTIGATION TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE LISTED IN JTF-FA RECORDS AS THAT PERTAINING TO CASE 1254, BUT FOUND NO INDICATIONS OF A CRASH. LOCAL RESIDENTS INDICATED THAT NO U.S. HELICOPTERS CRASHED IN THIS AREA DURING THE WAR. (REF 2)

12 August 1993

ON 12 JUL 93, IE3 WAS NOTIFIED THAT TWO INDIVIDUALS WANTED TO TURN OVER REMAINS OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED WITH CASE 1254. UPON ARRIVAL TO THE DONG TRUONG SON HOTEL, AN ELEMENT OF IE3 INTERVIEWED THE WITNESSES AND TOOK CUSTODY OF THE REMAINS. THE SET OF PARTIAL REMAINS IS BELIEVED TO BE CASE 1254 AND CONSISTED OF FOUR LONG BONES, 40 BONE FRAGMENTS, AND 11 TEETH (FIVE MOLARS, FOUR WITH RESTORATIONS, THREE BICUSPIDS, ONE WITH RESTORATIONS, TWO INCISORS, AND ONE CUSPID). THE TEAM RECEIVED MEDIA DATA (DOG TAG) FOR CASE 1254 ALONG WITH ABOVE MENTIONED REMAINS. (REF 4)

=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

28 April 1994

ON 12 JULY 1994, DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM, TWO WITNESSES TURNED OVER REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND I.D. MEDIA ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE REFNO 1254 LOSS INCIDENT. ON 3 AUGUST 1993, THE SRV REPATRIATED THE ALLEGED REMAINS IN BOX #7. ON 19 APRIL 1994, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS AS CORPORAL TERRY A. HOFFMAN, REFNO 1254-0-01. (REF 5)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1255-0-01 (ACCNO 5308) Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: COLLINS, THEOTHIS Date Status assigned: 24 Jul 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	E3	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	
Serial No	2355852	Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	27 Sep 1949	Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	UNKNOWN
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QYD127774
Lat/Long: 165820N / 1065952E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: BEN HAI
Mission Date: 19 Aug 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

CASE: 1255

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

21 June 1977

ON 19 AUGUST 1968, LCPL COLLINS WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 2ND BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN) FMF. WHILE PERFORMING HIS ASSIGNED DUTIES ON PATROL IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED DIRECTLY UNDER LCPL COLLINS. DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS AND HIS BODY WAS COMPLETELY DISINTEGRATED. THIS IS A RESOLVED CASE, THE BULK OF WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE SERVICE CASUALTY BRANCH. CMC AUTHORIZED DROP OF LCPL COLLINS LISTED ON ENCLOSURE (2) OF CDR JCRC LETTER DATED 18 JUNE 1973. (REF 1, 2, 3 & 4)

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ON 23 JULY 1976, CDR JCRC REQUESTED THE CASUALTY RECORDS AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO LCPL COLLINS FROM THE SERVICE. THE SERVICE WAS UNABLE TO FULFILL THIS REQUEST. (REF 5 AND 6)

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

9 November 1984

SOURCE REPORTED HEARSAY INFORMATION OF LOCAL INHABITANTS WHO WERE CANNIBALIZING A WRECKED AIRCRAFT CONTAINING THE REMAINS OF ONE PERSON, NEAR HKE SANH. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO CPT HURST AND 1LT BIRD. (REF 2)

=== REFERENCES ===

9 November 1984

REFERENCES: <1> STATEMENT OF PFC MORRIS. <2> STATEMENT OF CPL WARGO. <3> LTR, CDR JCRC (JCRC-CDD-CR), 18 JUN 1973. <4> MEMO, JCRC-CDD-CR, 16 JAN 76. <5> MSG, CDR JCRC NAS BARBERS POINT HAWAII, 230001Z JUL 76. <6> MSG, HQ AFLC WPAFB OH, 242044Z SEP 76. <7> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

CASE: 1255

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

7 October 1993

ON 23 AUG 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1255 AT THE VINH SON VILLAGE COMMITTEE HOUSE, VINH LINH DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. IE2 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO GAVE TESTIMONY ON SEPARATE INCIDENTS WHICH DO NOT CORRELATE TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 1255 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. (REF 7)